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Recognition from UN agencies

In the last month, APAID has been meeting different UN agencies to speak about the importance of inclusion of people with disabilities within sport and development initiatives.

The United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace fully supported this statement and will encourage international, national and local actors to increase the involvement of people with disabilities within their activities.

Unicef UK, as a leader of an international sport and development program around the Olympic and Paralympic Games in London 2012 (International Inspiration), points that their delivery partners are often keen to provide inclusive activities, but that some lack the technical skills to develop appropriate programs for children with disabilities. Therefore, Unicef encourages their partners to increase their knowledge in this field and identified APAID as a potential partner to provide this expertise.

Have a look

New features on APAID's website!

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Successful activities in Kenya

Our Kenyan partner organization MYSA has been running biweekly activities in the last 3 months, reaching almost 500 children. Through the outreach activities in the different slum areas of Nairobi a number of children who used to be hidden in their homes were located and integrated in the activities.

In this period, the participants did not only benefit from an increased physical fitness level, but many of them also improved in their social skills (e.g. communication).

Basketball season in Uganda

In Uganda, our partner The Kids League has just finished with the basketball A-league in which 61 children with disabilities participated.

During those leagues regular home and school visits were conducted to make routine follow up on the children so as to understand other aspects of their lives other than sport. This will enable us to determine psychosocial changes in behavior.



Introduction missions to 3 new countries

The Royal Dutch Soccer Association has asked APAID to conduct introduction missions to Mozambique, Zambia and Senegal.

In these fact-finding missions we aim to analyze the situation of people with disabilities in the countries, assess their needs and the needs of local organizations in terms of disability and adapted sport expertise.

From there we hope to find a reliable partner for a future project.

NCRV recording project Kenya

On the 6th of August, a Dutch NCRV- film crew visited and the Kids With Disabilities project in Kenya. Our regional manager, Francis Macharia, was interviewed and the outreach activities were recorded.

On the 15th of October the documentary will be shown at mambapoint.tv.

Productive meeting with UK Sport

APAID met with UK Sport to discuss possible collaboration in international development through sport.

The meeting was productive in that different possible areas of collaboration were identified. In the following months, these initial plans need to be worked out into concrete proposals. This may then result in exciting new projects!

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